

Tuesday, Jan. 28,

OUT OF REASON.

Is Price of Herring at Placentia Bay at Present.

Nets There Are Taking But Few Fish.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson, here this morning, is the first vessel to arrive this season with a full cargo of frozen herring from Placentia Bay, N. F. All previous cargoes have come from Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay.

The Western Star, Bay of Islands, N. F. of Jan. 22, has the following herring items of interest.

"Herring are plentiful at North Arm. There are enough herrings ashore on the scaffolds to load all the vessels now seeing cargoes.

"Capt. Ross, of the sch. Lottie G. Merchant, sailed yesterday with 650 brls. frozen and 300 bbls. salt herring. Capt. Ross reports that the whole fleet now in the bay will be loaded this week. High prices have paid by the captains to secure quick loads. Four American vessels sailed from Woods Island Monday, each with two-thirds cargo of frozen and one-third salt herring. There was good frost Saturday and Sunday nights and all day Monday, so the scaffolds are now ready for shipment. Capt. Sol. Jacobs wired Mr. Boland last week as to the prospect of loading here and no doubt the encouraging news sent will bring the Fortuna Bay fleet to this bay to complete the cargoes. Several vessels arrived at North Arm yesterday from Placentia and Fortune Bay."

"The Placentia Bay herring fishery has been a failure. The American schooners are coming this way to load.

"The Humber Arm has not yet been solidly frozen over. The Arm today is free from ice as in midsummer, a condition unprecedented in the remembrance of the oldest inhabitants of the Bay of Islands."

A dispatch from Placentia Bay Saturday states that herring are scarce, the netters getting from 65 to 75 barrels a day. There are 10 American vessels there. Seven are buying and the price is up to \$4.50 per barrel.

BOUNTY ON FISH ASKED.

Newfoundlanders Think British Government Should Thus Assist Them.

A dispatch from St. John's says it is argued in some official quarters here that if the British Government is prepared to withdraw from the international sugar conference at Brussels and to provide a bounty on West Indian sugar, in order to assist Great Britain's West Indian colonies, which are inhabited by blacks, Great Britain should also provide a bounty on Newfoundland fish and thereby assist this colony, which is wholly inhabited by white people, Englishmen, Scotchmen and Irishmen and their descendants.

It is held by certain officials that this action should be taken by the British government as a return for the renewal by Newfoundland of the French *modus vivendi*.

LOTS OF FRESH FISH.

Nearly 700,000 Pounds at T Wharf, Boston, Today.

Haddock Price Is Quite Low in Consequence.

Nearly 700,000 pounds of fresh fish at T wharf, Boston, today in about 40 vessels and live haddock going slow at \$1.40 per hundred. Only two small trips here. This is the fresh fish story of today in one chapter.

The other chapter is well known to vessel owners and fishermen alike. Haddock when the bell rung were \$1.40 and \$1.50. What they will bring before night is easy to guess. Some of the vessels cannot take out until tomorrow, and Wednesday will see the aftermath, probably, some of the vessels coming here with what they could not get rid of at T wharf, to sell to the splitters.

This all means a waste of two or three days, and that much time now means a trip. With the fleet divided, part marketing here and part at Boston, there would be better prices and no time lost. Every vessel owner, every skipper and fisherman knows this, yet all or nearly all the vessels go to Boston just the same and the question why has never been satisfactorily answered.

Gloucester will have a flourishing fresh fish business when her vessel owners begin to realize that Boston already has a bigger haddock fleet than this port, that she is adding to it daily and will soon be in a position, she is almost in it now, to secure all the fish she wants without taking one out of a Gloucester craft. Gloucester vessels several of them, claim to have been discriminated against at T wharf this winter.

It will be worse before it is better, till Gloucester, almost for self preservation of her fresh fishing fleet on a paying basis, will be obliged to bring their vessels here and find a market for her goods. Boston won't need her crafts, and thus the business which has been built up at T wharf, principally by Gloucester vessels, and has now grown so large that of itself and its own fleet it can almost command the winter haddock fishery, will have a worthy competitor and not before.

AT BAY OF ISLANDS.

East Boston Fish Dealers Will Erect Wharves, Stores, Etc.

The St. John's Herald of Jan. 21, says that a company of fish dealers of East Boston will shortly start at Bay of Islands the erection of stores, wharves, etc., and will do an extensive business in the staple. They will despatch fleet vessels to the Labrador to take cargoes of green cod from the knife of the splitter and will rush them to the American market quickly. They will also erect freezers and will smoke herring, salmon, etc., for the United States market.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Market.

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$4.00 per cwt., medium do., \$3.25; large trawl Georges, \$3.75, medium do., \$3.00; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$3.75; medium do., \$3.00; large trawl bank cod, \$3.25; medium do., \$2.75 large dory handline cod, \$3.50, medium do., \$3.

Outside sales dory handline bank cod \$3.5-8 per cwt. for large and \$3.1-8 per cwt for medium

Splitting prices of fresh fish, large cod, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.50; haddock, \$1.10; hake, \$1.10; pollock, \$6.

Outside sales of Bank cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3.05 for mediums.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$3 per bbl. Bank halibut, 13 cents per lb. for white and 9 cents for gray.

Boston

Jan. 28—Ar., sch. Clara R. Harwood, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Edith Emery, 36,000 fresh fish.

Sch. Rob Roy, 35,000 fresh fish.

Sch. Alcina, 25,000 fresh fish.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 35,000 fresh fish.

Sch. Irene and May, 30,000 fresh fish.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 35,000 fresh fish.

Sch. Dawson City.

Haddock, \$1.50; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; hake, \$2.50 to \$3; pollock, \$2.

Arrived yesterday (fares not reported) sch. Ella M. Doughty, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Dorothy, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 16,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 12,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 9000 haddock, 1000 pollock.

Sch. A. T. Gifford, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. James Drinan, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Sylph, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 4000 haddock, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Louis and Rosie, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Emma W. Brown, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Susie Hooper, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Mary Cabral, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Grace Darling, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Viola, 6000 cod.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Rienzi, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. William A. Morse, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Maud S., 13,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Nellie G. Adams, 15,000 haddock.

Sch. Viking, 200 cod.

Sch. John M. Keen, 14,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Mary and Edith, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Venus, 3000 cod.

Sch. Allen H. Jones, 8000 cod.

Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, 2000 haddock.

Sch. Philomena Manta, 17,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 13,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Veteran, 1000 cod.

Str. Quartette, 2000 cod.

Sch. Clermont, 1000 cod.